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A U.S. Navy officer with access to sensitive U.S. intelligence faces espionage charges over accusations he passed state secrets, possibly to China and Taiwan, a U.S. official told Reuters. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, identified the suspect as Lieutenant Commander Edward Lin, who was born in Taiwan and later became a naturalized U.S. citizen, according a Navy profile article written about him in 2008. A redacted Navy charge sheet said the suspect was assigned to the headquarters for the Navy's Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, which oversees intelligence collection activities. The charge sheet redacted out the name of the suspect and the Navy declined to provide details on his identity. REUTERS

THREE MEN BLOW THEMSELVES UP NEAR POLICE STATION IN RUSSIA

2 Three men blew themselves up outside a rural police station in southern Russia on Monday after trying to gain entry to the building as part of an unsuccessful attack, Russian investigators said in a statement. The attack took place in Novoselitskoe, a village in Russia's Stavropol region close to the volatile North Caucasus area, where Islamist militants intent on carving out a breakaway caliphate have targeted policemen in a series of car bombings and shootings. "As a result of the blasts the police station and some cars nearby suffered some damage," Russia's Investigative Committee said in a statement. "No local people or police were hurt."

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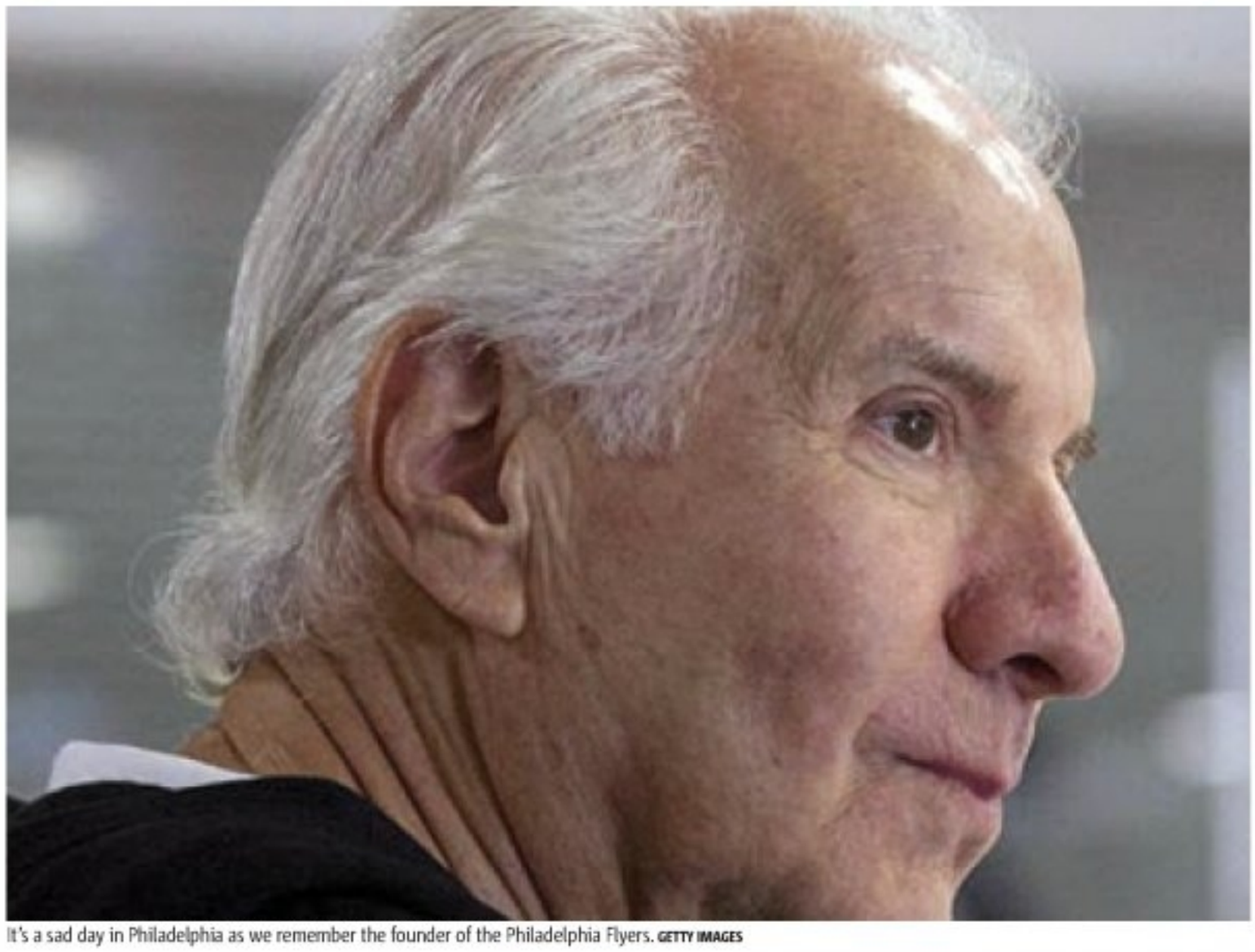
ZIKA IMPACT 'SCARIER THAN WE THOUGHT': US HEALTH OFFICIALS

3 The spread and impact of the Zika virus is wider than initially anticipated and the first vaccine candidate for the virus should be available in September, U.S. health officials said on Monday. Dr. Anne Schuchat, a deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told reporters the type of mosquito in which the virus is carried is present in more U.S. states than initially thought. She said what authorities are learning about the virus is "scarier than we thought." Anthony Fauci, director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said at a White House briefing the first Zika vaccine candidate should be available in September. REUTERS



It's a sad day in Philadelphia as we remember the founder of the Philadelphia Flyers. GETTY IMAGES

GLEN MACNOW: ED SNIDER WAS THE FLYERS

Ed Snider always resembled the team he owned — pugnacious, determined, willing to outhustle the opposition for the goal. The Broad Street Bullies were built in his image.

Snider, the founder of the Flyers, died of cancer Monday at age 83, two days after the franchise made the NHL playoffs for the 39th time. He had been ill for a while, but still so emotionally invested in his team that he watched on Face Time Saturday as Lauren Hart sang the national anthem one more time.

He WAS the Flyers.

Start at the beginning. Snider almost single-handedly brought the NHL to Philadelphia. Sure, the $2 million entry fee he paid back in 1967 was eventually parlayed into a fortune, but at the time it was seen as financial folly. Everything stems from Snider — from the rich history, to the team colors, to the franchise name, to kids playing street hockey and scoring "for a taste of Tastykakes." There isn't a single person in our city's history who changed the landscape of sports as much as Edward Malcolm Snider.

He also changed the landscape of the city. He got the Spectrum built. And then, in the 1990s, he built what is now called the Wells Fargo Center. Other owners looking for new buildings hold up their cities for zillions or threaten to skip town. Ed Snider built his own damned arena at virtually no cost to taxpayers.

It was always fun to watch Snider at a Flyers game. Dapper and tightly wound, he would hop out of his seat to shake an angry fist at the referee. He would growl, he would yelp, he would exchange high-fives after a Lindros goal.

Once, the NHL fined Snider $5,000 for leaning over the glass and giving the ref the universal "choke" sign. Several times he was billed by the league for banging down the door to the officials' dressing room. How many owners would do that?

And Flyers fans loved him for it. You knew that Ed Snider wanted

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OPINION

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to win as much as you. More. You knew that every season he would do his damnedest to capture that elusive third Stanley Cup. Rebuild? He wouldn't have it. Tank? He'd spit at the word.

Of course, going full throttle didn't always work. Snider and his GMs had a bad habit of trade-deadline deals that would send prospects packing in return for wheezing former superstars. And the franchise lived for decades off those two 1970s Cups, not coming to grips until recently with how much the sport had changed. Now, the Flyers seem in great hands with Ron Hextall and Dave Hakstol. It's so sad that Snider won't be here to see a bright future.

Ed Snider could be as warm and cuddly as a crocodile. The older he got, the more dyspeptic he behaved. You didn't want to find yourself on the other side of an argument. He created WIP Radio, but every time he saw me, he would mention how much he hated "that Frankenstein monster."

But he was a tremendously generous man who built rinks for city kids who otherwise wouldn't have the chance to learn to play hockey. The Flyers Wives Fight for Lives charity remains a model for all sports franchises.

Ed Snider was a pioneer, and a visionary and a risk taker. He leaves an unparalleled legacy in Philadelphia.

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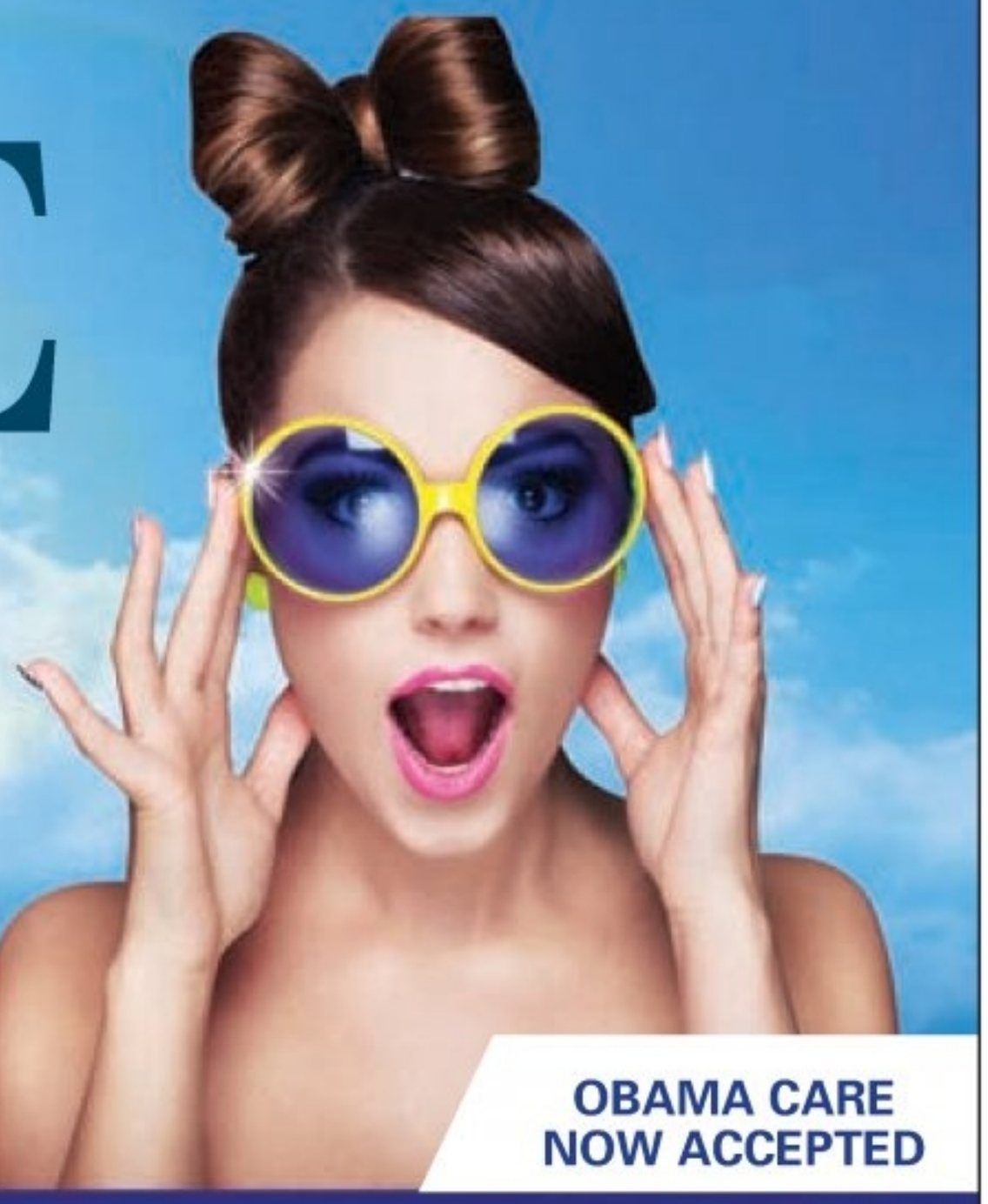

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Big Philly names mourn the loss of Ed Snider

After Flyers' founder Ed Snider succumbed to bladder cancer Monday morning, many in Philadelphia offered condolences to the Snider family.

Here are a few of those sentiments.

Ed Snider GETTY IMAGES

Mayor Jim Kenney

"Ed Snider was a sports visionary. In the face of skeptics, he knew that Philadelphia would embrace the Flyers. In fact, one of the happiest days of my life came in 1974, when I was 16, and the team won its first Stanley Cup. Ed Snider helped build the Spectrum and later built a tremendous arena in the Wells Fargo Center, a venue that not only hosts the Flyers and Sixers, but national events like this summer's Democratic National Convention. Just as importantly, Ed Snider was a generous man, a philanthropist who cared deeply about this city. He was devoted to the children of Philadelphia, and was determined to bring the sport of hockey to inner city athletes through the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation. The Foundation helps operate five skating rinks throughout the city that are, for many children, a first opportunity to learn to skate and to play hockey. Ed devoted not only funding to the program, but hours of personal attention. Ed Snider was a good friend, a kind-hearted man and a first-class mensch. I will miss him, and I'm sure thousands will miss a man who changed the landscape of the Philadelphia region. Let's go Flyers! Bring Mr. Snider one more Stanley Cup!"

Comcast CEO Brian L. Roberts

"This is a very sad day for Ed's family, the Flyers, Comcast Spectacor and his many fans in Philadelphia. Our business partnership lasted more than 20 years, which seemed improbable at the time, and ultimately transcended into a cherished and special friendship. We are so sad but relish the many accomplishments Ed achieved during his amazing lifetime. He was completely unique, incredibly passionate and will be terribly missed."

Congressman Chaka Fattah

"Ed Snider is responsible for one of the greatest chapters in Philadelphia sports history, and for that he will never be forgotten. But just as memorable is the example he set as a responsible and caring business owner who treated his employees and players, and their families, with decency and respect. Ed's generosity toward the City of Philadelphia, which can be seen in the wonderful work of the Ed Snider Youth Foundation and elsewhere, will pay dividends for generations. This is a huge loss for our city and for those who knew and loved Ed. To them I extend my heartfelt condolences." JENNY DEHUFF

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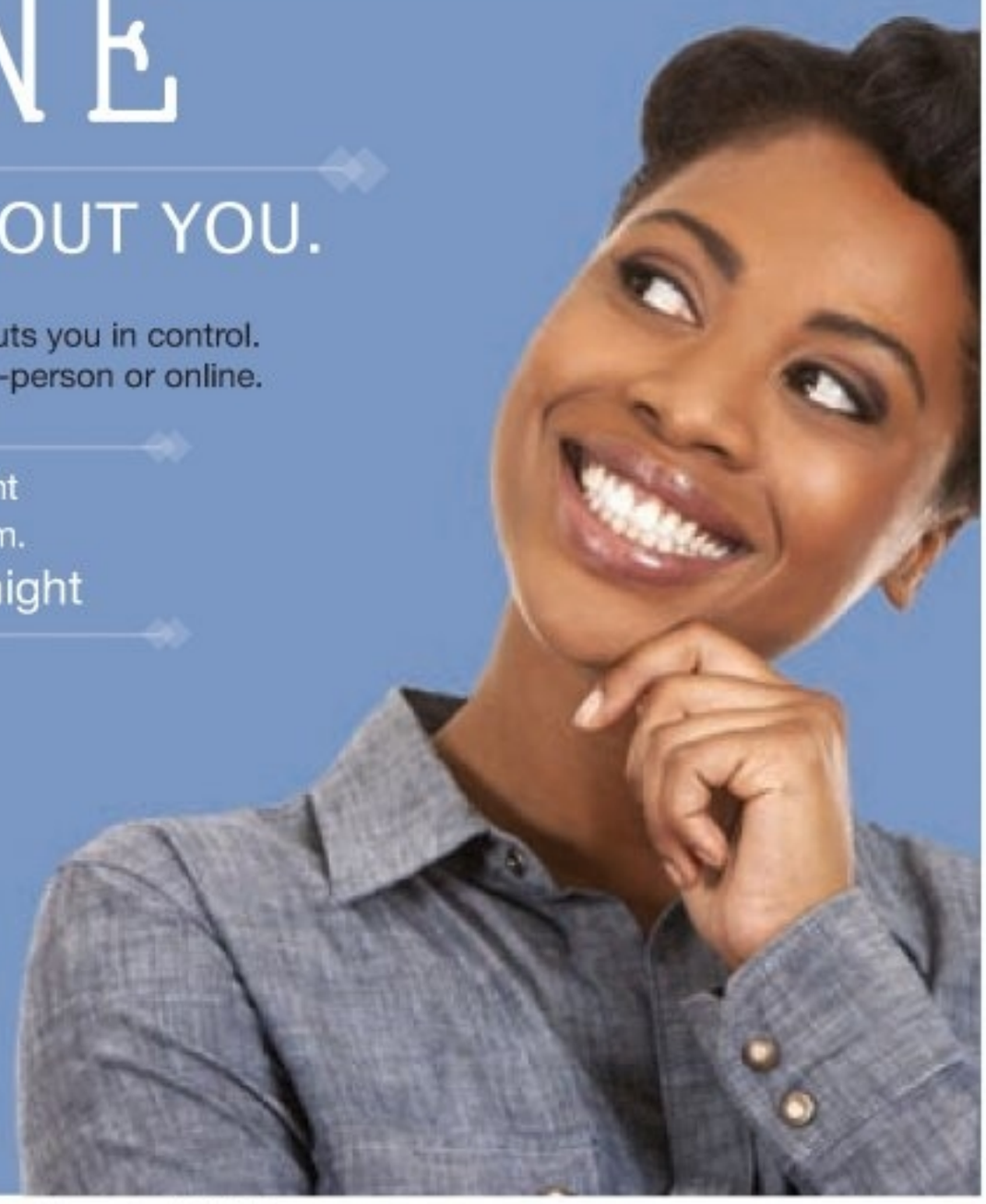

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Love, enthusiasm in the air at Phillies' home opener

Thousands of baseball fans tailgated, enjoyed carnival concessions and a free concert on Opening Day at Citizens Bank Park on Monday. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Officer Jesse Hartnett proposed to his girlfriend on the field of Citizens Bank Park during Monday's home opener.

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It was a day of sunshine, festivities and romance Monday at the Phillies home opener.

Left arm tied up in a sling, Police Officer Jesse Hartnett walked to the mound, threw out the first pitch for the Phillies' home opener, then got down on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend on the field Monday.

She said yes.

Hartnett, 33, who had spent two weeks in the hospital after he was shot three times during an ambush chasing a suspect in January, received a hero's welcome from fans on a sunny Monday afternoon at Citizens Bank Park.

Edward Archer, the alleged attacker, is charged with attempted murder and related offenses. He faces trial later this month.

It felt like spring for the first time with temperatures in the mid-60s, after a chilly and rainy weekend in Philadelphia.

Despite seats in the stands about half-full, no enthusiasm among fans was wavering, even though the Phillies lost to San Diego Padres, 4-3.

Father Mike Scuderi, a priest at Villanova University, was with his father, Sam Scuderi, still basking in the glory of Villanova's NCAA championship win from last week.

Scuderi and his father have been coming to Phillies games together since 1970, and their spirits couldn't have been brighter.

"We've been fans all our lives and we try to come out every opening day," said Scuderi.

"We're more optimistic than last season. The young guys, if they progress, and they bring other guys up during the year, they should be OK, I think."

"I think it's a tradition that he and I started," Sam Scuderi said of their Phillies games patronage.

"For a number of years we've come out for the opener, and it's just very enjoyable to come out here, especially for the first game because of all the fanfare and the excitement of baseball again. I also think this team is going to surprise some people this year. They're maybe not going to compete for a championship or anything, but I think we're going to see a lot of improvement."

Another father-and-son duo, David New Sr. from Tabernacle, New Jersey, and David New Jr. from Marlton, New Jersey, have also been Phillies fans their whole lives.

"I've never been to Opening Day before," said New Sr. "It's a good day for the experience."

New Jr. had season tickets, so he thought to bring his father for opening day.

"The start of the summer — that feeling you get when you watch baseball. It's just a good feeling. It's hard to describe," he said.

Hartnett embraces his girlfriend at the Phillies' home opener. PROVIDED

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Cops caught on tape beating suspect acquitted of charges

Two former Philadelphia police officers accused of mercilessly pummeling an unarmed man have been acquitted of all charges Monday after a jury found they acted legally.

Former officers Kevin Robinson and Sean McKnight were found not guilty of aggravated assault charges by a jury on Monday.

The two were charged with beating Najee Rivera and falsifying police paperwork after a confrontation on May 2013 on the 2700 block of North 6th Street. Rivera allegedy sped away when the two officers tried to pull him over in an unmarked police vehicle.

Rivera, 23, was shot to death in December 2015 in an unrelated dispute, months before the trial began. His former girlfriend, Dina Scannapieco, was in the courtroom to hear the verdict.

"I'm disappointed. … They're supposed to protect our community, but now they can just give out a—whuppings?" Scannapieco said. "All police officers are going to feel like it's OK to use excessive force because this just shows them they're going to get away with it."

Robinson and McKnight were charged in February 2015 after Scannapieco dug up a surveillance tape of the incident from the 25th Police District that contradicted the paperwork they filed claiming Rivera attacked the officers and threw one against the wall. After the video was revealed, assault charges against Rivera were later dropped.

The video shows the officers' car edge Rivera's scooter off the road before the two men get out and begin beating him.

Defense lawyers argued that Rivera fled after the officers identified themselves and that they stopped struggling with him after he stopped resisting.

"I just feel that it was a very racial thing," Scannapieco said. "Had it been a white person that got beat up, I think they most definitely would have got convicted."

Rivera claimed he lost his job at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia after he showed up for work sporting bruises and injuries sustained during his arrest.

An online petition to get his job back garnered nearly 100,000 signatures but was unsuccessful.

Rivera settled a civil lawsuit with the city for $200,000, which he said mostly went toward legal and medical bills. He was later arrested in May 2015 for heroin possession and violating a restraining order.

He was fatally shot at Somerset and C streets.

Officers Kevin Robinson, top, and Sean McKnight PPD

Robinson and McKnight were dismissed from the police force after being indicted, but are expected to seek to regain their jobs through the arbitration process now that they have been acquitted.

"Yes, we will be bringing them back," said Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5 president John McNesby said via email.

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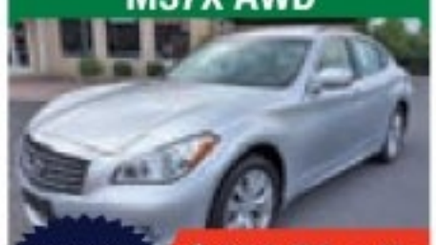
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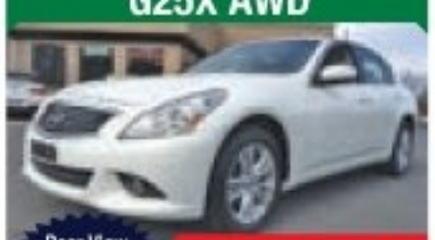
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Bryan Adams cancels Mississippi show to protest same-sex law

Bruce Springsteen called off a concert in North Carolina to show his opposition to a measure barring transgender people from choosing bathrooms consistent with their gender identity.

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Canadian singer Bryan Adams has canceled a show in Mississippi to protest a state law that will let people with religious objections deny services to same-sex couples, the second major concert scrapped in the South over discrimination concerns.

The cancellations come as a number of states consider legislation seen as restricting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights. Supporters of the measures say they are needed to keep women and children safe in restrooms and to protect religious freedom after a Supreme Court ruling last year legalized same-sex marriage in the entire U.S.

Adams, who was set to perform Thursday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, called the state's measure "extremely discriminatory."

"I cannot in good conscience perform in a state where certain people are being denied their civil rights due to their sexual orientation," Adams wrote on his website. "Hopefully Mississippi will right itself and I can come back and perform for all of my many fans."

The law, signed in Mississippi last week, allows people with religious objections to deny wedding services to same-sex couples and permits employers to cite religion in determining workplace policies on dress code, grooming and bathroom and locker access. REUTERS

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Two Trump kids won't be voting for Dad in NY primary

Presidential candidate Donald Trump says two of his children feel guilty about missing a voter-registration deadline, meaning they will not be able to vote for him next week in New York's Republican primary.

Eric Trump, 32, and Ivanka Trump, 34, the GOP front-runner's second and third children, have campaigned extensively with their father, but both missed the deadline for registering as Republicans to vote in the New York primary April 19.

In a telephone interview with "Fox & Friends," Trump joked that he would have to find some way to punish Eric and Ivanka for their mistake.

"No more allowance!" the New York billionaire said with a laugh.

For already-registered voters, any request to switch party affiliation must have been made by early October. The deadline for new voter registrations was March 25.

Eric Trump and Ivanka Trump
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"They were unaware of the rules," Trump said Monday on Fox News. "They feel very, very guilty.

"But it's fine. I mean, I understand that."

Records from the New York State Board of Elections show both Eric and Ivanka are registered voters who are "not enrolled in a party," ABC News reported.

Like their father, they have made political contributions to both Democrats and Republicans, Federal Election Commission records show.

Trump's oldest child, Donald Jr., 38, already was registered Republican. The registration status of his other voting-age child, Tiffany, was not immediately known.

Trump's comments Monday brought swift rebukes on Twitter from critics who said the Trump children's lapse bolsters doubts about whether Trump is a true Republican. Trump previously supported abortion rights and has donated to Democrats, including his now-rival Hillary Clinton.

"I for one am shocked as the whole family really seem like lifelong conservatives," user Awen Lake (@AwenLake) posted on Twitter, adding the hashtag #reallydemocrat.

"This is so funny. I always knew he was a liberal," a user named Allen (@alb309O) wrote. "He has his supporters bamboozled." REUTERS

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Led Zeppelin's Plant and Page to face trial

Jimmy Page (L) and Robert Plant GETTY IMAGES

Led Zeppelin's lead singer Robert Plant and guitarist Jimmy Page must face a U.S. jury trial over whether they stole opening chords for their 1971 classic "Stairway to Heaven."

U.S. District Judge Gary Klausner in Los Angeles said "Stairway" and the 1967 instrumental "Taurus" by the band Spirit were similar enough to let a jury decide whether Plant and Page were liable for copyright infringement.

A trial is scheduled for May 10.

The lawsuit was brought by Michael Skidmore, a trustee for the late Randy Wolfe, also known as Randy California, who was Spirit's guitarist and the composer of "Taurus."

Skidmore said Page may have been inspired to write "Stairway" for Led Zeppelin after hearing Spirit perform "Taurus" while the bands toured together in 1968 and 1969, but that Wolfe never got credit.

The defendants said Wolfe was a songwriter-for-hire who had no copyright claim, and that the chord progressions were so clichéd that they did not deserve copyright protection.

But the judge said a jury could find "substantial" similarity between the first two minutes of "Stairway" and "Taurus," which he called "arguably the most recognizable and important segments" of the songs.

"While it is true that a descending chromatic four-chord progression is a common convention that abounds in the music industry, the similarities here transcend this core structure," Klausner wrote. "What remains is a subjective assessment of the 'concept and feel' of two works ... a task no more suitable for a judge than for a jury."

Klausner dismissed claims against Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones and Warner Music Group Corp. REUTERS

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Kim and Kanye's ski trip was a bust

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Maybe traveling with almost all of your in-laws isn't the best way to get away, because Kim Kardashian and Kanye West apparently did not have that great of a time on their recent vacation to Vail, Colorado, with Kris Jenner and the rest of the clan — minus the newly engaged Rob Kardashian and Blac Chyna, of course. "I didn't see them to be affectionate at all," a source tells Radar Online of Kimye. "Not a lot of talking." Well, actually, West was apparently having a great time and doing plenty of talking — just to strangers, not his family. "Kanye was very kind to friends and [paparazzi]," the source adds, explaining that the rapper, designer and Twitter rant impresario was particularly chatty and jocular on this trip. "He was standing there like a proud dad when guys were taking pictures of North."

Kylie Jenner swears she doesn't overshare

Kylie Jenner wants you to believe she's holding something back. No, seriously. The "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" junior varsity captain tells AdWeek that her fans on social media don't get to see everything. "I only post on Instagram or Snapchat what I want people to see, you know? But there's a whole other side to me that people don't know," she says. "There's a really big part of my life that I don't share online, and I feel like people think that just because I have a reality TV show and I'm on Snapchat for probably 10 minutes altogether throughout the day, that they know my life."

And you know what, guys? Being a professional brand is hard work. "I feel like people want to see me have a cool hair color and dress a certain way and have pretty makeup and heels. If they were to see me in public, they would expect me to look like that," she opines. "It's also exhausting for everyday life."

Dating Justin Bieber got too real for Hailey Baldwin

First of all, Hailey Baldwin wants everyone to know that she's totally single and not dating Justin Bieber, though they remain close friends. Also, as she tells Marie Claire, when faced with the prospect of being the Biebs' new lady love back around the start of the year, she totally backed out because that struggle was just too real. "I don't want attention out of dating somebody. Texts started coming through, crazy phone calls," she recounts. "It's hard to date somebody in this industry. You have to have really thick skin and be very strong. You have to focus on the person and nothing else." Or, apparently, you don't.

'Idol' runner-up La'Porsha Renae is not waving the pride flag

La'Porsha Renae just lost "American Idol," but that's not why she's in the news. While speaking to reporters after last week's finale, Renae was asked about her native Mississippi's new anti-LGBT law. The good news is she doesn't agree with it — but it's not quite the inclusive sentiment that activists are working toward. "This is how I feel about the LGBT community: They are people just like us. They're not animals as someone stated before. They're people with feelings," she explained. "Although all of us may not agree with that particular lifestyle for religious reasons, whatever the reason is, you still treat each other with respect."

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Sam Rockwell wants you to keep moving

The acclaimed actor talks about his action comedy "Mr. Right" and how not to feel old.

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In the '90s, movie theaters were clogged with "Pulp Fiction" and "Reservoir Dogs" knock-offs about cool hitmen. Sam Rockwell wasn't doing those. Back then he was doing a lot of serious indies, like "Lawn Dogs" and "Box of Moonlight." The closest he came was in the crime comedy "Safe Men." In "Mr. Right" he gets to correct that. He plays a legendary assassin who falls for a recently dumped young woman (Anna Kendrick) — right as he's pursued by a crime syndicate. Rockwell tells us he was mostly influenced by "Grosse Pointe Blank," another black comedy about a hitman with a softer side. And it gave the actor, 47, the chance to stay active.

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"Mr. Right" requires a lot of acrobatic shoot-out scenes. That's a new thing for you.

It was a lot of fun. I've always been a kind of would-be dancer, and I've been interested in boxing for a long time. So I had just had fun with it.

Did you get hurt at all?

Nothing serious. [Co-star] Tim Roth and I bumped heads a couple times. One of the stunt guys oversold a punch and he had about eight stitches. He had to go to the emergency ward later. These guys are so tough — he worked all day after he'd been cut open. He didn't go to the hospital until the end of the day. Stunt guys aren't allowed to complain, you know? It's not cool. They can't complain.

I've been punched while rehearsing a play before. I did not wait to the end of the day to patch up my wounds.

Yeah, I've been punched in the face a couple times. I've sparred. When I was a kid I got beat up. I think if you're living your life and doing stuff, you're gonna get hurt. Even in your apartment. I broke my toe just rushing around my apartment, brushing my teeth. You can get hurt doing anything, even just waking up in the morning. Life just beats you down, you know?

I'm 37 so now everything hurts.

Yeah. Wait till you get to be my age. It gets even worse.

How should I be preparing? What would you advise?

There was a woman recently who went to the White House. She was like 110 f—ing years old. She got to meet Obama. They said, "How have you lived such a long life?' She said, "Keep moving." I think that's true. You move it or lose it. You've got to keep the blood flowing. If you're active, you're gonna get injured. I pulled my hamstring doing a play recently. But you know, you're gonna get injured. If you don't move, you're just going to get sedentary. That's even worse.

Sam Rockwell plays a nice hitman in "Mr. Right" — the type who falls in love (with Anna Kendrick). FOCUS WORLD

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'STRAY DOG'

Vet and biker Ron Hall, right, is the warm center of Debra Granik's doc "Stray Dog." STILL ROLLING PRODUCTIONS

Aggressively tattooed biker veteran from Missouri: Based on those six words, you might have some notion of what makes up Ron Hall, the subject of this doc from "Winter's Bone" director Debra Granik. And you're almost certainly wrong. An intimate and ever-curious portrait, "Stray Dog" finds a deeply complex man who doesn't fit easy Red State-Blue State stereotypes, obliterating notions of our country's exaggerated culture war. Hall may be a good ol' boy, but he's anti-war, married to a Mexican immigrant and cuddly enough to hang with four small dogs. He constantly surprises us, and though a lot of his life encapsulates the rough spot America finds itself in the 21st century, it's Hall himself — warm, lovable, friendly — that most makes "Stray Dog" a necessary view.

'ERIN BROCKOVICH'

Steven Soderbergh may (or may not!) return to the movies some day soon. Lord knows they could use him. Smaller, actor-driven titles like "Erin Brockovich" barely get made these days, and when they do they aren't this exacting and eccentric. The same year Soderbergh helmed "Traffic," he offered this subversive twist on the issue-of-the-week drama, creating an atypically entertaining underdog story in the "Silkwood" mold that was less all about character — a seriously sparkplug character, played with quippy ferocity by Julia Roberts. Hell, we could use that Julia Roberts, too, not the one stuck doing the forthcoming "Mother's Day."

Julia Roberts won an Oscar for Steven Soderbergh's 2000 drama "Erin Brockovich." UNIVERSAL PICTURES

'THE RIGHT STUFF'

Speaking of bygone eras, it's unfathomable there was a time when a major studio gambled on a sprawling three-hour epic based on a prickly Tom Wolfe book with no major stars (Ed Harris was still, then, a nobody). Even in 1983 it didn't work. A notable bomb, Philip Kaufman's take on "The Right Stuff" keeps Wolfe's cockeyed view on the birth of the space program. There are more characters than an "Avengers" movie, but also the room to let them breathe. It's a fine lazy day binge-watch with a nonstop succession of fantastic scenes, not the least being an unforgettable bit involving the "Marine's Hymn" and a mass trip to the bathroom.

"The Right Stuff." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

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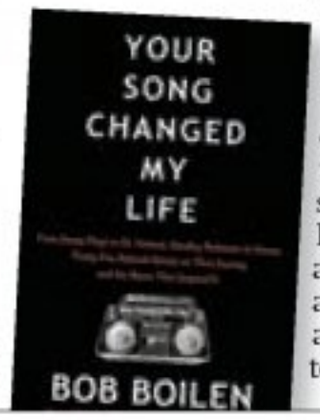
Bob Boilen's NPR podcast "All Songs Considered" is one of iTunes' most popular music podcasts and his mini jam sessions at his cubicle, Tiny Desk Jams, is like a cooler Carpool Karaoke. Now, Boilen is sharing snippets from some of his biggest interviews in his new book, "Your Song Changed My Life," out today. The chapters revolve around the title's sentiment, and many of the artists' picks are surprising. We talk to Boilen about the stories behind the stories.

You start the book by sharing the song that changed your life, The Beatles' "A Day in the Life."

When I was a kid growing up, there were many exciting things happening in music. Things like — and I know it's a cliché to say this — The Beatles coming to America. The amount of people who started buying guitars went from about 100,000 to over a million. It was a fever and I was caught up in that. I figured everybody who played music at some point or another must have had that moment.

Most of the people in the book chose a song from their adolescence. Why do you think music has such a profound effect during that age?

People want to belong to something. They want to feel a part of something, but also unique at the same time. It's not just about liking a song. Music comes with a clique or club, a fashion and a statement. With the musicians I talked to, music is something that hits your heart and at tender ages, people are searching to figure out who they are, and music is a big doorway.



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What does a song need to have staying power across generations?

For any song to make it past a generation, it has to have a universal message. Conor Oberst picked Don McLean's "American Pie," a song he probably listened to 10 years after it was released. The ability to tell a story in an oblique way was appealing to Conor. If the song simply said, Buddy Holly died in a plane crash and it was sad and made us feel bad, it wouldn't carry over into generations. But it really looked at who we were as a country in the late '50s and '60s and it was a reflected, inward look at pop culture.

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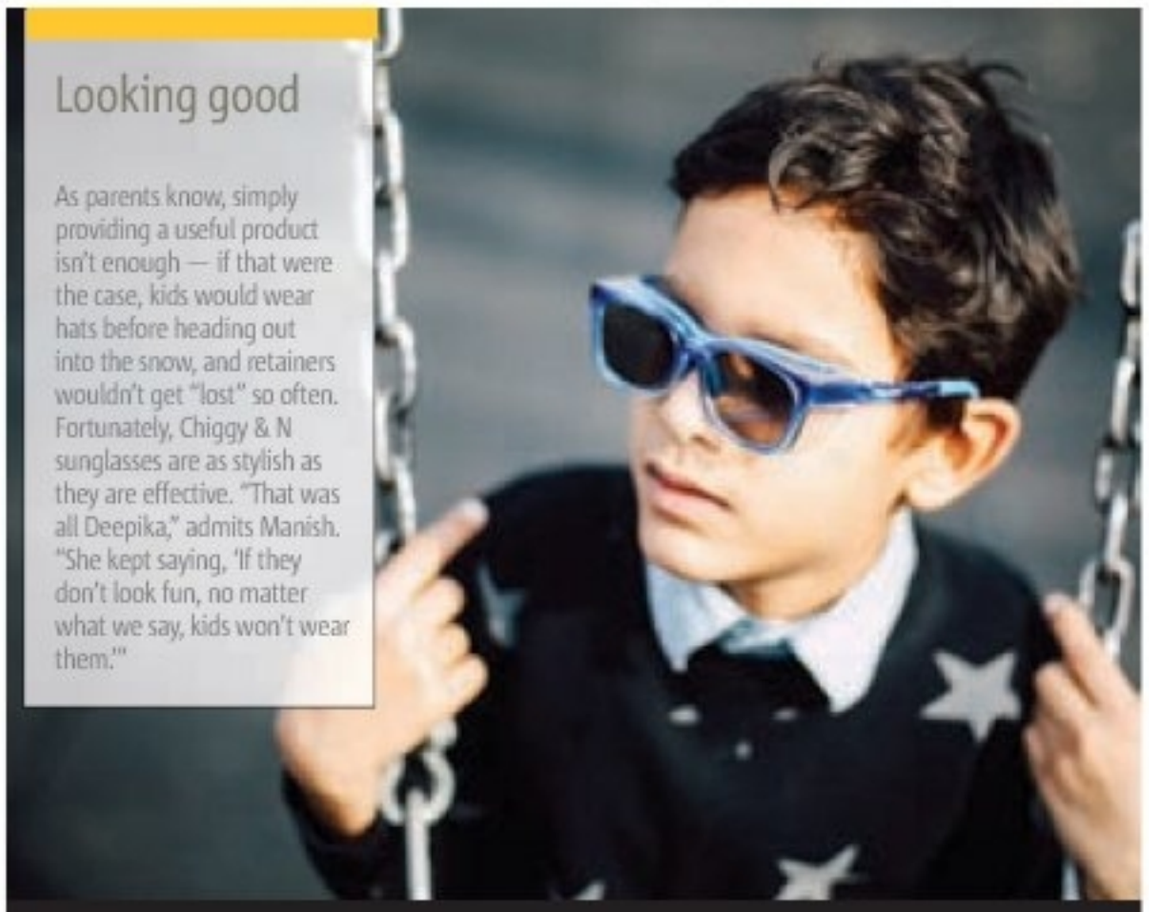
Regional report

If you're already reaching for the tissues, know that you're far from alone: Thanks to a mild winter and a powerful El Nino, experts warn that mold and pollen are getting an early, enthusiastic start this year. On the bright side, it could be worse. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, these are the top five most uncomfortable places to live with allergies this spring:

1. Jackson, Mississippi
2. Memphis, Tennessee
3. Syracuse, New York
4. Louisville, Kentucky
5. McAllen, Texas

Chiggy & N's allergen-blocking sunglasses ($30 per pair) are available in three colors at Chiggyandn.com.



Looking good

As parents know, simply providing a useful product isn't enough — if that were the case, kids would wear hats before heading out into the snow, and retainers wouldn't get "lost" so often. Fortunately, Chiggy & N sunglasses are as stylish as they are effective. "That was all Deepika," admits Manish. "She kept saying, 'If they don't look fun, no matter what we say, kids won't wear them.'"

MAKE HEALTHY YOUR NEW HAPPY

Stop allergies from messing with your kid

New protective shades block allergens — and look cool doing it.

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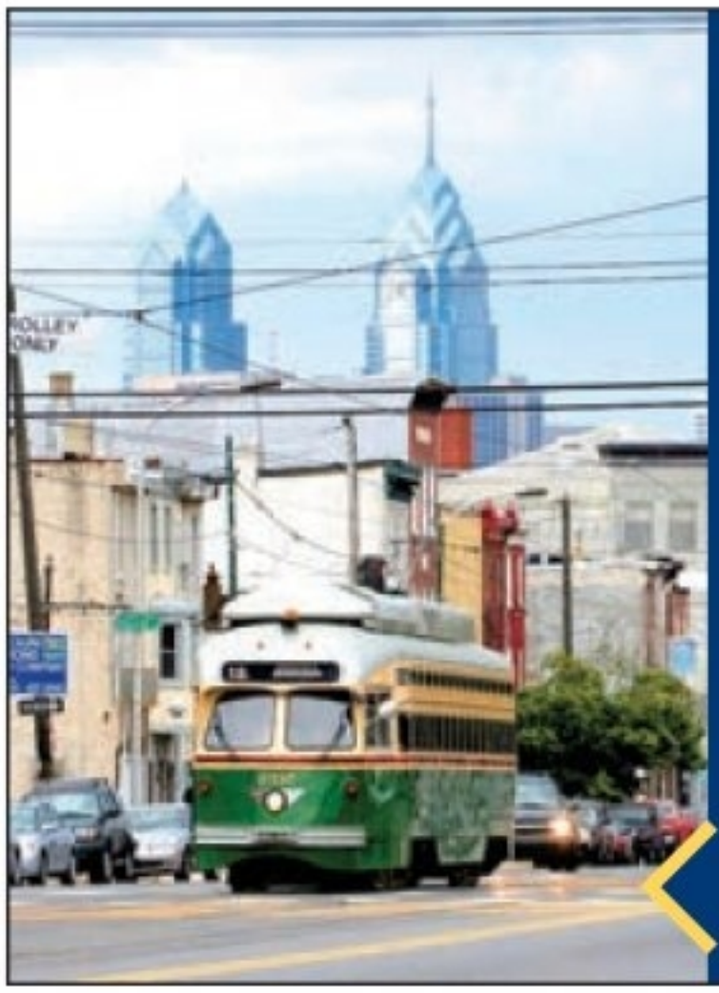
When you have kids with allergies, spring isn't all sunshine and rainbows. It's more like itchy eyes and canceled play dates followed by frustrating visits to the doctor.

"When we took our kids out in the spring, their eyes would get really red and itchy, and swell up. It felt like each weekend was spent sitting in the doctors office," says Manish Chadha, whose twin boys suffer from allergies, one severely. "Then last year, in Central Park, I was like, 'This is ridiculous—we shouldn't have even brought them out.'"

This spring, however, the twins are looking forward to enjoying the season more comfortably and just as actively. Along with their allergist, Chadha and his wife, Deepika, created Chiggy & N, a line of sunglasses specially designed to block eye allergens such as pollen, dust and sand for kids ages 4 to 10. Featuring all-around protective shields, the adjustable glasses also offer UV sun protection and are crafted from superdurable, playground-friendly plastic.

Effective at blocking up to 98% of particles, the glasses have allowed the Chadhas to significantly reduce allergy meds and days stuck indoors. "It seemed simple," says Chadha of taking matters into their own hands. "We have all of these medications to treat allergies — why don't we have any way to prevent the allergens from getting in?"

Editor's note: Manish Chadha is related to National Features Editor Tina Chadha.



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Experiment with your diet, cutting out certain foods like dairy or bread. ISTOCK

Getting through the work day while attempting to hide a digestive issue like bloating or diarrhea can get in the way of getting anything done — and be embarrassing. We asked Manhattan Gastroenterology's Kathlynn Caguiat for the most common complaints among her patients. Here's what she told us:

Tummy rumblings

Dr. Caguiat says tweaking your eating habits can quiet things down. "Cruciferous vegetables like broccoli, legumes, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts cause more gas, so you hear a lot more swishing in the belly," she says.

Of course these are also foods that are nutritious to eat, so the solution isn't avoiding them altogether. "If you aren't used to eating a lot of fiber in your diet, start slowly and work your way up to let your gut get used to it," she says.

Bloating and constipation

The best way to pinpoint what exactly is causing your bloating is to meet with a gastroenterologist, who can test for certain allergies. Also, experiment by cutting out certain foods you think might be to blame.

"Some people are allergic to fructose, which is in foods like apples and pears. Other people have problems digesting lactose, which is in dairy," Caguiat says.

Diarrhea

Having an intolerance, and not being able to digest what you're eating properly, can have this affect as well. "Lactose intolerance is one of the biggest conditions I see for bloating and diarrhea, and many people don't realize they are lactose intolerant," Caguiat says. To give your tummy a rest, she suggests the BRAT diet (bananas, rice, applesauce, tea and toast) to bulk up stool. Then, slowly introduce other foods back into your diet.

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Soup that cures bloating

Banish bloat with a meal that's good for your gut.

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Between guzzling coffee in the morning, de-stressing after work with wine and relying on quick meals to get through the work day, it's no wonder so many Americans are suffering from some sort of digestive issue. It's common sense that what we put into our bodies affects our digestive tract, but many people still don't know what to eat to keep their tummy happy.

To help, wellness expert Robyn Youkilis — who regularly serves as a health expert on "The Today Show" — wrote "Go With Your Gut," which is just as much of a guide as it is a pretty book to display. Here, she shares with us her recipe for Creamy Vegetable Soup.

Creamy Vegetable Soup

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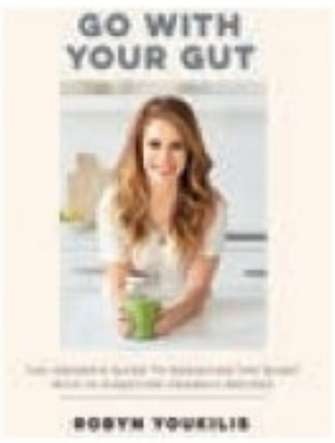

Ingredients
Makes 3 to 4 servings

- ¾ cup unsalted raw cashews
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 5 cups chopped broccoli, cauliflower or tomatoes
- 3 to 4 cups water (enough to cover vegetables)
- 2 to 3 teaspoons sea salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions

1. Set cashews to soak in a bowl of water for 5 to 20 minutes, then rinse and drain. 20 minutes is best but 5 minutes works too!
2. In a large pot, warm the oil over medium heat.
3. Saute the onion and garlic until they are tender, about 5 minutes.
4. Add the veggie of choice, enough water to cover, the sea salt and the pepper. Simmer for 8 to 10 minutes, until the vegetables are tender and soft.
5. Transfer the soup to a blender, working in batches if necessary. Add the cashews. Blend until smooth.
6. Taste for seasoning and serve immediately, or let the soup cool. Cover and refrigerate it. Note: If you're not using a Vitamix, wait for the soup to cool before blending. You can use a hand-held blender directly in the pot, too.

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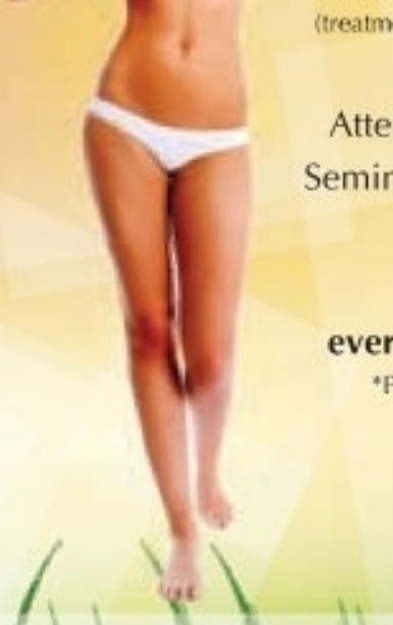

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Sam Hinkie resigned from his position with the 76ers last week. GETTY IMAGES

Start with this: I abhorred Sam Hinkie's "process." I found it unprofessional, illogical and a robbery of the fans.

That said, Hinkie's weird departure last week makes me feel no better about the Sixers' future. Because while Hinkie was the architect of disaster, the ownership group that hired him and initiated that nightmare continues its chokehold on Philadelphia basketball.

New Jersey Devils owner Joshua Harris, who also dabbles as managing partner of the Sixers, tried to persuade the masses Sunday that he never lost faith in Hinkie and was "sad" and "disappointed" to receive that 13-page resignation manifesto last week. All he really wanted, Harris said, was Hinkie to accept sharing power with "another high-level executive on a level plane with him."

We'll get to the name of that executive in a moment. But Harris is either lying with that statement or he's the most naive billionaire you'll ever see. Expecting a GM to accept an equal job-sharing plan is not much different from telling your wife you want her to share your affections with "another high-level woman on a level plane." Let me know how that goes.

What really happened is that Harris got cold feet last year when his NBA partners complained that the Sixers were an embarrassment to their collective business. Commissioner Adam Silver then orchestrated the hiring of Jerry Colangelo to oversee the 76ers and mollify other owners.

Again, I hate the tankathon. And I respect Jerry Colangelo's Hall of Fame executive career. But Harris gets no points for letting Hinkie pillage for three seasons and then, once the commish waggled his finger, reversing course under peer pressure. Hiring Colangelo Sr. may have been the right move, but what was Harris' motivation?

And Sixers ownership gets no points now for conducting a search for a new team president that apparently took 30 minutes and extended to everyone whose name rhymes with "Schmolangelo." If you believe the party line, Jerry had nothing to do with the hiring of his son, even covering his ears and dashing from the room when Bryan's name came up. Why, sure he did.

Bryan Colangelo's got two NBA Executive of the Year awards on his résumé. But the owner talked a lot about "optics" at Sunday's news conference. No optics are worse than blatant nepotism. Jerry Colangelo now gets to kick his feet up in the Arizona desert, knowing that the Sixers have become a family business.

The Hinkie devotees are squealing, and I can't blame them. Their hero is suddenly so out of favor that, at last Friday's game at the Center, three season-ticket holders wearing Hinkie tribute jerseys were told to take them off.

If the Sixers continue to lose, the 76ers' official spin will be that "the process" remains to blame. If things turn around, all success will be tied to whatever draft picks and trades Bryan Colangelo has up his sleeve.

Truth is, as long as Joshua Harris and friends own the Sixers, all Philadelphia fans continue to lose.

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Pursuant to the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act, the Act of May 19, 1995, P.L. #4, No. 2 (Act 2), notice is hereby given that Westrum Development Company (Westrum), (Remediator) is submitting a Notice of Intent to Remediate and a Remedial Investigation Report/Cleanup Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southeastern Regional Office, for the property known as Brewerytown Mixed Block, having the addresses 1408-1424, 1426-1446, and 1415-1437 North 31st Street, and 1429-1443, and 1421-1427 North 32nd Street, located at in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Site), for detections of some metals and some polyaromatic hydrocarbons in soil. No Volatile Organic Compounds, Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons or Metals were detected in groundwater. Remediation will include pathway elimination for impacted soil using Site Specific Standards, and demonstration of attainment of Residential Used Aquifer Statewide Health Standards or Site Specific Standards for groundwater. Act 2 also provides that when a site is being remediated to a Site-Specific Standard, the municipality is afforded a 30-day comment period. Publication of this notice in a local newspaper initiates the 30-day public and municipal comment period. Until May 9, 2016, the City of Philadelphia may request to be involved in the development of the remediation and reuse plans for the site, and to develop and implement a public involvement plan. Questions and comments should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, Land Recycling/Cleanup Division, 2 East Main Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

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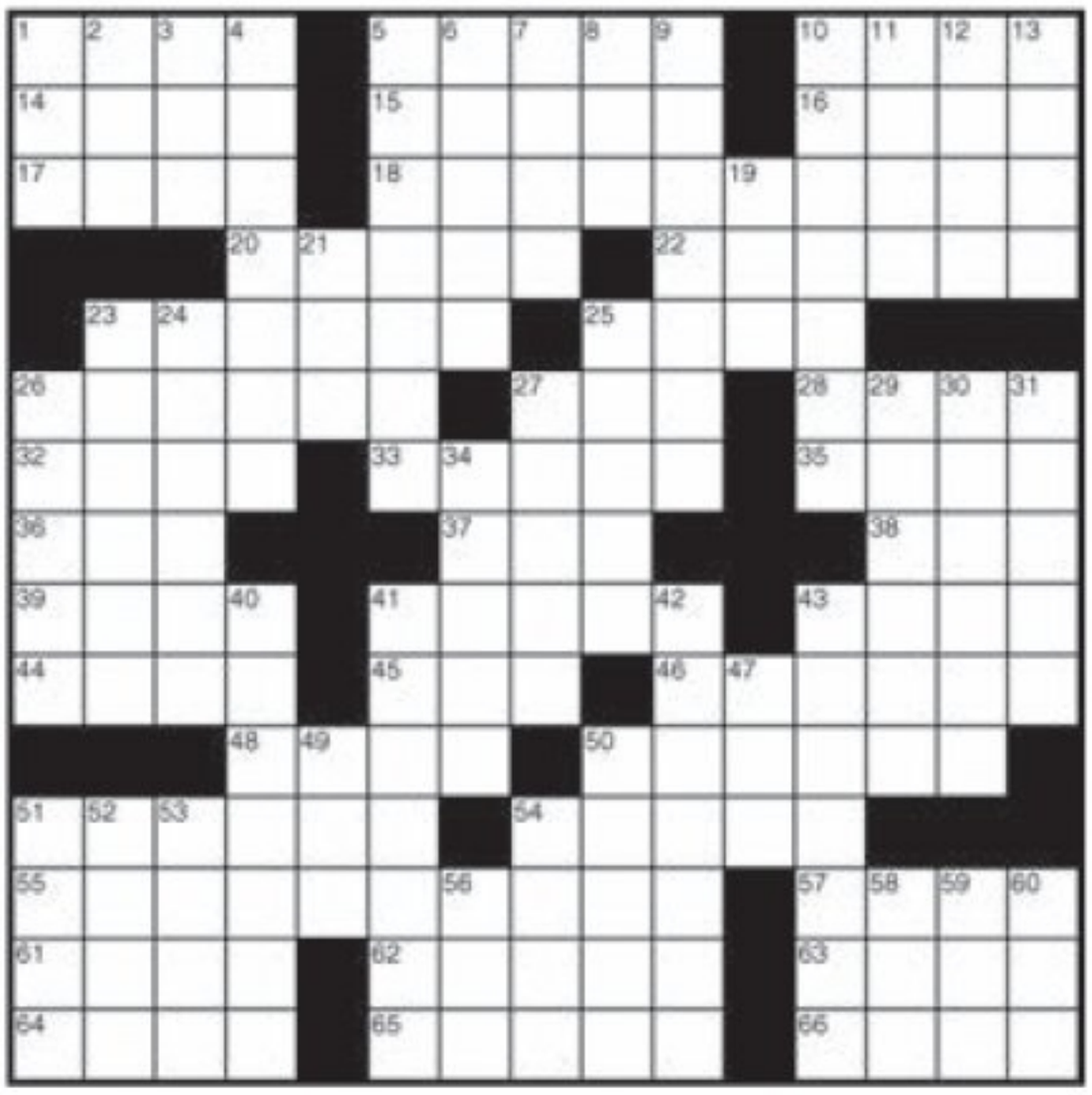

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1 Star followers
5 Illustrious
10 Fall softly
14 The "G" in GTO
15 PABA part
16 Hindu royalty
17 Unloads
18 Sympathy
20 Sean Penn, Nick Nolte movie (2 wds.)
22 Managed to avoid
23 Encompass
25 Desdemona's enemy
26 Emptiest
27 Explain further
28 Foretelling
32 Anagram of mire
33 Raises one's voice
35 Two pounds, plus
36 Air rifle ammo
37 Spike or Ang
38 — Palmas
39 Toast topper
41 Robins and wrens
43 Box office
44 Genuine nuisance
45 House site
46 Stayed up in the air
48 Publicize loudly
50 Quick raids
51 Takes time to enjoy
54 Gumshoe's finds
55 Fire-stealing Titan
57 Think positive
61 Quechua speaker
62 Ham it up
63 Dueler's sword
64 Archie or Jughead
65 Pinkish wines
66 Good buy

Down

1 Ball club VIP
2 Jackie's second
3 Flit
4 Policy seller
5 Knack
6 Dean Martin's "That's —"
7 Wisc. neighbor
8 Draw to a close
9 Baubles
10 Make beforehand
11 Rangy
12 Almost never
13 Dappled
19 Pull laboriously
21 QB objectives
23 Take a chance
24 Van Gogh painting
25 Loafed around
26 Jazz genre
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29 Aristocratic address
30 Buoys up
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40 Hassock
41 Blow hard
42 Married people
43 Ground, as teeth
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49 Natural resource
50 Champagne glass
51 Barbecue need
52 Handel contemporary
53 Sotto —
54 Execs
56 Med. plan
58 Unseal, to Blake
59 "In a beautiful — -green boat"
60 Sushi morsel

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Aries A laid-back approach to whatever challenge you face will help you avoid an emotional confrontation. Concentrate on yourself and being your very best.

Taurus Treat a loved one to something out of the ordinary. Sharing information and participating in something that appears to be opportunistic will pay off.

Gemini You should stay on top of your game and keep a watchful eye on anyone you think might pose a problem. The less you share, the easier it will be to accomplish your goals.

Cancer Emotions will spin out of control if you react too quickly to what someone implies. Do your research and opt to do your own thing if it will keep the peace.

Leo Do whatever it takes to enhance your position. Use your charm to entertain the people you need by your side. Play to win and plan a romantic celebration.

Virgo You have the expertise to turn a challenging situation around. Don't wait when you could use your intelligence to make thing happen. Offer incentives that are hard to refuse.

Libra Think matters through and back away from anyone trying to push you in a direction that makes you feel insecure. Emotional manipulation should be something you want no part of.

Scorpio Invest in one of your ideas that has long-term potential. A sideline business that relies on your talent, skills and passion will bring you satisfaction.

Sagittarius Spend less time interacting with friends and more time sprucing up your home or bringing about positive personal changes that will make you feel good about your future.

Capricorn An intellectual approach and a gentle push will help you win favors and approval. If you show a little emotion, the people you encounter will relate to your concerns.

Aquarius Prepare to make physical changes that will enhance your looks and grab the attention of someone you hold dear to your heart. Embrace a challenge.

Pisces Don't make the same mistake twice. A creative idea can be developed, but don't present it until you have addressed every detail.

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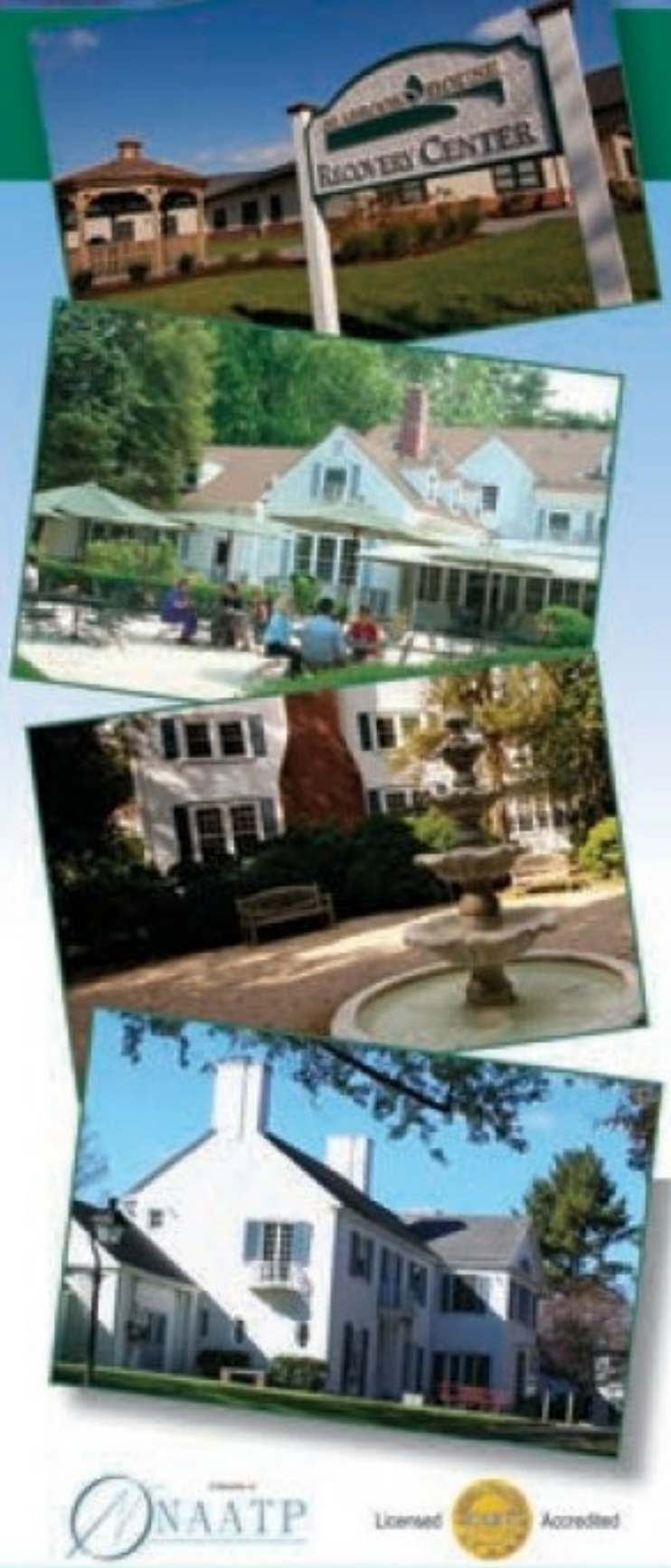

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